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SUBJECT: Anti-Military Apparatus of the NAMBO Regional  
Committee of the Lao Dong Party in South Vietnam

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1. Attached for your information are copies of a short study titled  
The Anti-Military Apparatus of the NAMBO Regional Committee of the Lao Dong Party in South Vietnam.

2. During the past few years there has been an extensive intensification of efforts by non-bloc CP's to develop their capabilities for the subversion and penetration of armed forces. In the case of some Communist parties this effort has not progressed beyond a rudimentary organizational stage. In others, well-developed covert anti-military organizations have come into being, or existing apparatus have been reorganized or expanded. The intensification of anti-military work is considered by the Communists to be as important in those areas where a so-called 'peaceful' seizure of power is being prepared as in those where an armed struggle is underway or anticipated.

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3. The attached study describes the penetration and propaganda activities of the anti-military apparatus (known as the Binh Van) of the Lao Dong (Vietnamese Communist) Party in South Vietnam. While in this instance the apparatus belongs to a clandestine party engaged in a combined military and political struggle, the mission of the Binh Van is essentially the same as that of the most embryonic anti-military organization in the most respectable of CPs: subversion and penetration of the armed forces.

4. This study depicts the structure, mission and methods of operation of one highly developed anti-military organization; it also strives to show the relationship between that organization and the other illegal activities of the CP, political or otherwise, including the relationship to the party's guerrilla forces and their operations. Even though the study is concerned with a highly developed apparatus, certain patterns emerge which may be of importance in assessing anti-military organizations in other CPs. As examples, the following stand out:

(1) There is an intimate relationship between the anti-military apparatus and the intelligence organization of the party (both are controlled by the same party functionary).

(2) There is a similar intimate relationship, at least at the highest echelons, between both these apparatus and the technical organization of the party.

(3) There is a clear separation of the paramilitary guidance function from the anti-military apparatus below the highest level of the party.

(4) The structure of the operating units of the anti-military apparatus is geared to the structure of the military forces which constitute their target.

It is obvious, of course, that not all of these patterns will necessarily repeat themselves in any particular Communist party.

5. This study, which in draft form carried a ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ classification, has been down-graded to ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

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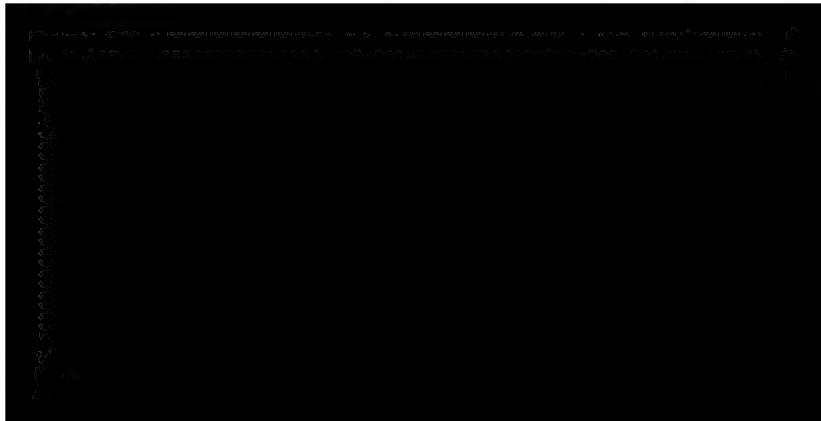


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